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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MASATO IKEDA, ET. AL.

Application No.: (National Phase of
PCT Application No. PCT/JP00/06471
filed September 21, 2000)

Filed: Currently herewith

For: NOVEL TRANSALDOLASE
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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the paragraph at page page 3, lines 17-19 with the
following replacement paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the
changes made thereto, is attached. ¹¹

(3) A polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which is at least 60%
homologous to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, and having transaldolase
activity.

¹¹ For the Examiner's convenience, bracketed deletions and underlined additions in
the marked-up copy are illustrated in bold.